

CHAPTER NO. 610

HOUSE BILL NO. 2256

By Representative Curtiss

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 3105

By Senators Burks, Harper

AN ACT to designate segments of U.S. Highway 70 in White County as the "Veterans Memorial Highway".

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

WHEREAS, since the birth of our great nation, hundreds of thousands of brave American men and women have served their country in the United States armed forces and many continue this legacy of service today, defending the most inviolate principles of human freedom and democracy; and

WHEREAS, their meritorious service continues the time-honored tradition of Tennessee volunteerism; and

WHEREAS, throughout the years, the intrepid and valiant members of the United States armed forces have continued to inspire our confidence, loyalty, and support; and

WHEREAS, from Valley Forge to Iraq and Afghanistan, and the war-torn lands of Africa, Eastern Europe, and the Middle East, our armed forces have unselfishly paid the price of freedom for their friends and families, and for all of us; and

WHEREAS, it is most appropriate that we should honor those courageous men and women who have made many sacrifices to preserve the blessed freedoms we enjoy today and that our progeny will hopefully continue to cherish for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, this general assembly finds it appropriate to name certain segments of U.S. Highway 70 to honor and recognize those brave sons and daughters of White County who sacrificed personal concerns and their safety, with many of them giving their lives, so that we might enjoy the many bounties of democracy and the American way of life; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, that segment of U.S. Highway 70 (State Route 26) from the DeKalb County - White County boundary to the western corporate limits of the city of Sparta and that segment of U.S. Highway 70 (State Route 1) from the eastern corporate limits of the city of Sparta to the White County - Cumberland County boundary is hereby designated as the "Veterans Memorial Highway" in honor of White County's many heroic veterans.

SECTION 2. The department of transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating such segments of U.S. Highway 70 in White County as the "Veterans Memorial Highway".

SECTION 3. The erection of such signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

SECTION 4. This act shall become operative only if the federal highway administrator advises the commissioner of transportation in writing that the provisions of this act shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

SECTION 5.

(1) This act shall become operative only if White County, Tennessee, either remits the estimated cost of the erection of such signs to the department of transportation within one (1) year of the effective date of this act or manufactures such signs in accordance with the provisions of subdivision (2). White County shall make such payment prior to any expenditure by the state for the manufacture or installation of such signs. The department shall return any unused portion of the estimated cost to White County within thirty (30) days of the erection of such signs. If the actual cost exceeds the estimated cost, White County shall remit an amount equal to the difference in such costs to the department within thirty (30) days of receiving an itemized invoice of the actual cost from the department.

(2) White County may manufacture and erect such signs provided, that such signs are manufactured and erected pursuant to state and federal guidelines and approved by the department.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: April 22, 2004


JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES


JOHN S. WILDER
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 5th day of May 2004


PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR